

**PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION  
SPECIAL MEETING - MINUTES  
APRIL 26, 2016 – 7:00PM  
CAFETERIA – GOSHEN CENTER SCHOOL – 50 NORTH STREET**

**PRESENT:** Chairman Don Wilkes, Cynthia Barrett, Mark Harris, Russell Hurley, Lu-Ann Zbinden; Alternates Thomas Carey and Laura Lemieux; Town Planner and Zoning Enforcement Officer Martin Connor, AICP.

**ABSENT:** Alternate Rick Boger-Hawkins.

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND DESIGNATION OF ALTERNATES.**

Chairman Don Wilkes called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. All regular members present were seated for the evening.

**2. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

No business was discussed.

**3. READING OF THE MINUTES:**

**A. March 22, 2016 regular meeting.**

The Commission agreed to table this matter to the May 24, 2016 regular meeting.

**4. OLD BUSINESS:**

No business was discussed.

**5. NEW BUSINESS:**

No business was discussed.

**6. ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT:**

The Commission agreed to table this matter to the May 24, 2016 regular meeting.

**7. CORRESPONDENCE.**

No business was discussed.

**8. PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION & WORKSHOP REGARDING UPDATE OF PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT CONDUCTED BY GLENN CHALDER, AICP OF PLANIMETRICS.**

Mr. Wilkes welcomed residents to the forum and introduced Glenn Chalder of Planimetrics. Mr. Chalder then invited Town residents to visit several stations located around the room to complete various tasks. At one station, residents identified where in Goshen they resided by placing a sticker on a large map of the Town. At other stations, residents identified areas of the town that they were and were not proud of. At a fourth station, residents placed "planning points" into different boxes in order to assess what issues they felt were most important for the POCD to address. At a final station, residents submitted index cards to provide more detail about areas in town they were and were not proud of.

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While the results of the “planning points” exercise were tabulated, Mr. Chalder conducted brief information session explaining the State requirements to update the Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) and the process through which the Planning and Zoning Commission was working to perform the update. Once the results were tabulated, Mr. Chalder reviewed the results with Town residents and invited citizens’ comments as to why they voted as they did. The top five issues highlighted during the “planning points” exercise were: Natural Resources, Open Space, Housing Diversity, Community Facilities, and Community Character. While the bulk of the discussion pertained to these five issues, other issues such as business development and protection of water quality throughout the lakes in Town were also discussed.

Mr. Chalder then informed those present that he would be compiling the results of the evening’s activities into a report that would be available to the Commission and the general public within a few weeks. The report would be used by the Commission to guide their continued process of updating the POCD.

### **9. ADJOURNMENT:**

The Commission agreed to adjourn the meeting at 9:00PM.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Stacey M. Sefcik**  
**Recording Secretary**